

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 303454 TOSEC 250027

65

ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 (ISO) R

66011

DRAFTED BY: S/S-O:PJOHNSON

APPROVED BY: S/S-O:PJOHNSON

----- 045914

P 282128Z DEC 75 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 303454 TOSEC 250027

NODIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 303454 ACTION CAIRO DAMASCUS INFO
AMMAN TEL AVIV DTD 26 DEC

QTE

S E C R E T STATE 303454

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADORS' RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS

FOR AMBASSADORS EILTS AND MURPHY FROM THE SECRETARY

1. FYI. I HAVE RECEIVED A FULL REPORT FROM ROY ATHERTON OF HIS TALKS. WE HAVE ALSO REVIEWED IN DEPTH THE SITUATION WE FACE IN THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE STRATEGY THAT MIGHT BE PURSUED BY THE U.S.

2. FYI. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE ONE MORE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 303454 TOSEC 250027

GO-AROUND WITH YOU--PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE

EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN POSITIONS AND EXPECTATIONS IN THE SC-- BEFORE I MEET WITH ALLON ON JANUARY 7-8. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE YOU TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON SO THAT YOU CAN BRING ME THE VERY LATEST VIEWS FROM YOUR CAPITALS. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU LATE JANUARY 5 AND POSSIBLY EARLY JANUARY 6 SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE LEFT WASHINGTON FOR RETURN TO YOUR CAPITALS BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE ALLON TALKS BEGIN. MY THOUGHT IS THAT YOU WILL CONVEY TO EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS, RESPECTIVELY, OUR ASSESSMENT AFTER OUR TALKS AND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNDUE EXPECTATIONS ON THEIR PART.

3. FYI. WHILE WE EXPECT TO BE HAVING FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES WITH THE ISRAELIS BETWEEN NOW AND THE ALLON VISIT, IF THERE IS TO BE ANY GIVE IN THE ISRAELI POSITION-- WHICH IS VERY DOUBTFUL--IT IS UNLIKELY TO COME OUT OF THE ALLON VISIT, BUT FROM HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES. AT THIS READING I EXPECT THAT YOU WOULD BE RETURNING TO YOUR CAPITALS WITH A BRIEF THAT EMPHASIZES OUR STRONG VIEW THAT SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD NOT GET OUT OF HAND AND BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO PREJUDICE OTHER NEGOTIATING OPTIONS OUTSIDE THE SC IN THE FUTURE. WE, OF COURSE, WILL DECIDE WHETHER THIS WILL BE YOUR BASIC THRUST AFTER YOUR FURTHER REVIEW HERE.

4. FYI. IN EXPLAINING YOUR RETURN, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE STIMULATED NO UNDUE EXPECTATIONS FROM EITHER EGYPT OR SYRIA AS A RESULT OF YOUR TALKS HERE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT SADAT IS REALISTIC IN NOT EXPECTING TOO MUCH, IF ANYTHING, TO COME FROM THE SC, AND ASSAD REALIZES FROM HIS TALKS WITH ATHERTON THAT "NO NEW WINDOW" HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THUS FAR.

5. THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY TO GIVE YOU THE PRESENT FLAVOR AS IT EXISTS HERE. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS RESPECTIVELY:

A. SECRETARY WISHES TO THANK PRESIDENTS SADAT AND ASSAD FOR RECEIVING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CORDIALLY AND ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. SECRETARY HAD FULL REPORTS OF THESE TALKS AND THEY ARE BEING GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY, PARTICULARLY SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 303454 TOSEC 250027

AS THEY RELATE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 12.

B. SECRETARY HAS ASKED YOU TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. POLICY IN THE SC. YOU WILL BE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON JANUARY 5-6 AND EXPECT TO RETURN TO CAIRO AND DAMASCUS RESPECTIVELY PROMPTLY THEREAFTER. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THEIR DESIRE

AND OUR PROMISE TO STAY IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT.

C. AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON INDICATED, IT IS
ESSENTIAL THAT SC PROCEEDINGS NOT BE PURSUED IN SUCH A
WAY AS TO PREJUDICE FUTURE NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITIES AND
OPTIONS. OUR VIEW CONTINUES TO BE THAT SC COULD REAFFIRM
242 AND 338. TO GO BEYOND THIS WOULD UNDERMINE GENEVA
FRAMEWORK; SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT BE IN THE ARAB
INTERESTS BECAUSE PRINCIPAL RESULT WOULD BE STALEMATE AND
STAGNATION, FORECLOSING OF FUTURE NEGOTIATING OPTIONS.

D. WE ARE CONVEYING OUR BASIC ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN
SC NOW TO AVOID ANY FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ATHERTON INDICATED, WHICH WE CONFIRM, LIMITATIONS
INVOLVED IN SC AS WE SEE IT. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE
FURTHER IDEAS AND ARE CONTINUING TO REVIEW THE SITUATION,
AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER VIEWS WHICH GOE AND GOS
WOULD WISH TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY VIA AMBASSADORS
EILTS AND MURPHY, RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THEY COULD BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT THE NEXT STAGE OF OUR REVIEW.

6. FOR AMEMBASSIES TEL AVIV AND AMMAN: DEPARTMENT WILL
LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE WANT YOU TO INFORM YOUR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS OF EILTS AND MURPHY RETURN. SISCO UNQTE
ROBINSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CAT-B, AMBASSADORS, VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, UNSC RESOLUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE303454
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O:JOHNSON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751211/aaaaaizo.tel
Line Count: 140
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 JUN 2003 by WorrelSW>; APPROVED <03 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMBASSADORS' RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, US, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (MURPHY, RICHARD), (EILTS, HERMANN)
To: CAIRO DAMASCUS AMMAN TEL AVIV
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006